

St. Dominic Education Commission
January 10, 2022

Attendance: Christelle Middendorf, Patrick Lahni, Peter Gibbs, Joe Kruessel, Jenny O'Brien, Nikki Servizzi

Absent: Mike Stenger, Mark Goins, Jessica Rimmel, PTO, Karen Brandstetter, Jessica Williams

1) Call to Order 7:00

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of December minutes - approved.

4) Old Business

- COVID status: Will remain open as long as we have enough teachers. Have 8 calamity days to use if needed.
- Open House -
 - 6 large yard signs around Delhi/Western Hills/Sayler Park
 - School/Ed Commission feels this is better investment than billboards
 - Have plenty of help for event

5) New Business

- Wellness policy (O'Brien)
 - We will need to review sections B7, C1, D2, F specifically (see Wellness Policy of School Handbook on website). Additional discussion will take place at the next meeting due to low attendance tonight.
- New Jr. High teacher Mrs. Luebbe has replaced Mr. Halpen as of Jan 3rd.
- **Joe** will reach out to teachers to have a "once a week" teacher bio/info snippet for parent press. Ideally we can slowly build bio info for website profiles too.
- Vegas Night in February canceled by Parish, so no need for us to staff a booth

6) Committee Reports

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter via email)
 - In process of preparation for sacraments that students will be receiving next few months
 - Changes due to COVID
 - Postponed post-holiday re-start of Children's Liturgy of Word till first Sunday of Lent
 - PSR is virtual for the month of January. Plan to be back in person in February
 - The Education Commission continues to recommend to Parish to start altar server program again for our students. Jenny mentioned Fr. Chris has postponed reintroduction/training from January to February.
- **PTO** (Lively via email)
 - Catholic Schools Week (1/30-2/5)
 - PTO will provide lunch for the teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day
 - PTO will provide a pizza lunch for all staff and students on Friday, February 4
 - Naturalization Ceremony is currently scheduled for 1/25

- **Principal's Report (O'Brien)**
 - Chess in Schools Program - started last Friday (grades 3-5). Instructors in school, 40 minutes once a week.
- **School Strategic Plan**
 - Jenny recommends we start the planning process for any potential new long term plan at the beginning of next school year, after Jan McReynolds has coordinated another SWOT survey with teachers and parents at the end of this school year, which coincides with the start of a new, 6 year accreditation cycle for school.
 - Catholic Culture, Community & Family (Middendorf)
 - Communication with Catholic Identity Committee - last meeting 11/16.
 - Lessons and Carols 5th grade in December; 1st grade Christmas play in December; Tolerance survey to happen in March; Circles of Grace curriculum from Archdiocese (more to come next month); Advent bags one per week in December (similar program will take place for Lent); Prayer Services for Advent (and Lent to come)
 - Marketing & Communication (Kruessel)
 - New website went live on December 20th
 - New domain name will be purchased (\$9.99/year): stdominicdelhi-school.org, eventually phase out the k-8 domain name.
 - Google analytics has been running since Jan 3rd. Joe will generate a report for the Feb. meeting.
 - May want to run HotJar to track user sessions and see what they are doing.
 - NEED to train Stephanie (secretary) and others for content editing. NEED more content. Particularly centered around grades and extracurricular activities...Need to lay out content map, ownership and update rhythms for short term and long term needs of site. - **Peter and Joe will work this and get to Jenny/Stephanie.**
 - Google Ad grants - Mark and Joe are developing work around to accommodate google requirements - have a link on the Parish site landing page to the new school website. Need to contact the parish to add this page if needed.
 - Social Media path forward - **Jessica Williams** will work with school/marketing committee
 - Preschool fair this Sunday at play place on Anderson Ferry/Crookshank
- **Tuition Credit (Lahni)**
 - Frisch's check received \$161
 - Amazon Smile check received \$151 (104 supporters holding steady) (as reported last month)
 - Waiting to hear back from Frisch's for another fundraiser (1/31 or 2/1)
 - Looking at Chipotle for 3/16 (could be a few weeks later).
 - Discuss Market Day to Tuition credit fundraising next month when PTO is here

7) Next Meeting: Monday, February 14 at 7 pm, school library

8) Closing Prayer

9) Adjournment (8:30)